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MIDLAND WOMAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON ON DRUG CHARGE

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that 23-year-old Danielle Elyce Randolph was sentenced this morning to 140 months in federal prison followed by eight years of supervised release after being convicted of possession of "crack" cocaine with intent to distribute.

On November 1, 2006, deputy U.S. Marshals executed an arrest warrant for Randolph at her Midland home. At the time of her arrest, authorities discovered almost 50 grams of "crack" cocaine in plain view on her bed, along with digital scales and cash. As part of her guilty plea on December 19, 2006, Randolph admitted that she was engaged in the sale of "crack" cocaine.

United States District Judge Robert Junell enhanced Randolph's sentence because records established she had two prior felony narcotics convictions in Midland County in 2002 and 2003, plus she was found by police to be in illegal possession of a semi-automatic pistol (as a convicted felon) during a vehicle traffic stop in October 2006.

This case was investigated by the United States Marshals Service together with the Midland Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney John Klassen prosecuted this case on behalf of the Government.

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